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PATENT 36856.337

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Toshio NISHIMURA

Serial No.: 09/648,523

Filed: August 26, 2000

Title: THICKNESS EXTENSIONAL

VIBRATION MODE PIEZOELECTRIC RESONATOR, LADDER-TYPE FILTER, AND PIEZOELECTRIC RESONATOR

COMPONENT

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: M. Budd

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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended to March 15, 2002, by the accompanying Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 1-3, 5, 7 and the second, incorrectly numbered claim 14 with the following claims: